

**February 22, 2007**

## **The Calvin Ball Bulletin**

Thank you for your feedback on the e-newsletter name. Many of you offered your happiness with the current name of our e-newsletter, so we will keep the current title. Although, I must say I had a “ball” reading the creative and unique submissions! Thank you to those who submitted feedback and ideas.

Remember...This newsletter is to keep you and your neighbors informed of the current news and happenings in our community.

For more District 2 News go to our website at:  
[www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC\\_DistrictTwo.htm](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_DistrictTwo.htm)

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### **We Want To Hear From You!**

The link below will navigate you to a list of meetings open to the public. If you have specific questions please call the contact number listed for that meeting.

[http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG\\_Portal\\_PublicMeetings.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/News/HCG_Portal_PublicMeetings.htm)

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### **2007 Teen Job and Volunteer Fair, March 3rd**

The 2007 Teen Job and Volunteer Fair will be held on Saturday March 3, at Wilde Lake High School from 10 am – 2pm. The job fair is sponsored by Howard County Drug Free and will offer Howard County high school teens a wide variety of paid job and volunteer internship opportunities for summer and beyond. The Fair is free and open to all Howard County high school and college students. For more information go on-line at [www.hcdrugfree.org](http://www.hcdrugfree.org).

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### **County Seeks Nominations for Excellence in Programs for Young Children**

Do you know any people or programs that make a positive impact on the lives of young children? If so, you are invited to nominate them

for recognition at the eighth annual “Celebrating Successes for Children” ceremony hosted by County Executive Ken Ulman and the Howard County Office of Children’s Services. The ceremony salutes mentors, child care providers, Scout leaders, coaches, human service workers, volunteers, businesses, school or camp programs, in the categories of Infants and Toddlers (0-2 years), Pre-school (2-5 years), Kindergarten through 5th Graders, 6th through 12th Graders and Mixed Age Group. Nominations are due by **Friday, March 23, 2007**.

Nomination forms are available and can be submitted online at [www.howardcountymd.gov/children](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/children) . You can also call the Office of Children’s Services at 410-313-1940 and ask to have a form mailed to you. Completed nomination forms can be faxed to (410)313-1430 or mailed to the Howard County Office of Children’s Services, 3300 N. Ridge Road, Suite 380, Ellicott City, MD 21043. All forms must be received or postmarked by **Friday, March 23**. Nominees will be recognized during the Month of the Young Child at the county’s annual “Celebrating Successes for Children” ceremony on **Tuesday, April 24**.

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## **CA Offers Scholarships for Community Service Efforts**

The Spirit of Columbia Scholarship Award is awarded each year to Columbia high school seniors who have shown extraordinary dedication to performing community service. Up to six \$2,500 scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors who live on CA-assessed property or have a parent working full time on CA-assessed property, have a minimum of a "C" average, and have a demonstrated history of voluntary service to the Columbia community.

Applications are available at local high schools, Columbia's community centers and the Columbia Association headquarters or can be downloaded at [www.columbiaassociation.com](http://www.columbiaassociation.com) on the "For Teens & Tots" page. Applicants must submit a completed application by **March 1**. For more information call 410-715-3175.

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## **Howard County Seeks Nominations for “Community Sports Hall of Fame**

County Executive Ken Ulman has announced that nomination forms are now available for Howard County's 2007 "Community Sports Hall of Fame," sponsored by the county's Department of Recreation & Parks. The Community Sports Hall of Fame honors outstanding individuals who have gained prominence or made substantial contributions in community recreational sports in Howard County. Deadline for nominations is **March 15, 2007**.

In addition to being closely identified with community recreation sports, nominees must have been residents of Howard County during their period of contribution or devoted their community sports efforts primarily in Howard County.

Nomination forms are available on line at [www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP), at all local Howard County Library branches or by calling Recreation & Parks at (410) 313-4711. All nominations must be postmarked by the March 15 deadline and mailed or delivered to Recreation & Parks Community Sports Hall of Fame, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046-1677.

Department of Recreation & Parks Headquarters, 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia. For more information about Howard County's Department of Recreation & Parks and the "Community Sports Hall of Fame," visit the department's website at [www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/RAP) or contact the department at (410) 313-4700

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## **Applications Sought For Howard County Economic Development Authority Scholarship**

The Howard County Economic Development Authority's Committee for Business and Economic Diversity is accepting applications for the \$1,000 Earl H. Saunders Entrepreneurial Scholarship. The scholarship recognizes a graduating senior who is a member of a minority group, a woman, and/or disabled and who has demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit by starting a small business, assisting an existing business or developing an invention targeted toward business.

Applications must be received by **March 9th**.

For more information, please call 410-313-6550.

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## **Sign Up For the “Greenovation”: Green Home Renovations**

On **Thursday, March 1**, the Green Building Institute is sponsoring an introductory class on **Home Energy Audits**. By learning about home energy audits, ‘Intro to Home Energy Audit’ participants will understand the steps necessary prior to getting an energy audit.

### Topics to be covered:

- What is an energy audit?
- What can you do to increase energy efficiency without an audit?
- What do energy auditors do to evaluate your home?
- What are the steps you need to take prior to getting an energy audit?
- What are the common misconceptions about home energy auditing?
- What are the features and benefits of different types of energy audits?
- How much does it cost?
- What should you look for in an energy auditor?

The seminar will be held at the Green Building Institute in The Enviro-Center at 7761 Waterloo Road) (Rte. 175), Jessup, Maryland 20794. Registration check-in is from 6:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. The seminar modules will begin at 7:00 p.m. For more information and registration please visit [www.greenbuildinginstitute.org](http://www.greenbuildinginstitute.org) or you may call the institute at 443-733-1234.

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## **Lunch and Recess Monitor Needed at Stevens Forest Elementary School**

Stevens Forest Elementary School has a vacancy for a lunch and recess monitor. The hours and schedule of the position are very flexible in nature. Lunch and recess monitors only work days that school is in session for children. Also, the hours are between 11:15 – 2:00 pm. The pay is \$8.70 per hour. If interested in the position full

time (every school day) or would like to serve as a lunch and recess monitor substitute (work as needed), please contact Mrs. Thompson or Mr. Morris at 410-313-6900. Training will be provided.

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## **Parents! Encourage your Child to Enter the Word Up Poetry Contest**

All Howard County students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to submit original poetry (up to three poems of no more than 60 lines each) to Howard County Library's annual Word Up! Poetry Contest (formerly Write Stuff Poetry Contest). **Deadline for entries is March 2.**

All entries will be rated on originality/individual creativity, adherence to a theme, overall appearance, unusual imagery or word play, and good editing.

Winners in each category will receive cash prizes and will be invited to read the winning poems at a special event on March 29, 2007 at Miller Branch Library. In addition, the poems will be featured on Howard County Library's web site.

For official entry rules and forms, please visit the Howard County Library website at [www.hclibrary.org](http://www.hclibrary.org)

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## **Build Your Leadership Skills and Make a Difference in Your Community**

Attention parents! Is your child is currently a high school sophomore who wants to make a difference in the community? Leadership U is an exciting leadership development, teambuilding and community service opportunity for high school students. This four month program includes a full week of hands-on learning and interactive activities and completion of a team community service project from Sunday July 29 thru August 3, 2007.

On "Shadow Day", students will have a unique opportunity to spend an entire day with a business or community leader to observe leadership in action and obtain first hand knowledge on how businesses and organizations function.

Qualifications:

You must be a High School Sophomore and live in Howard County

Leadership U is looking for:

- Leadership potential
- Concern for your community

Cost:

\$450 Tuition

\*(Financial Assistance is Available)\*

Information Sessions:

Come hear recent Leadership U graduates share their experiences at our information sessions to be held on Sunday, **Feb. 4, 2007** from 2:30-3:30 pm at the Glenwood Branch of the Howard County Library (2350 State Route 97, Glenwood) and Monday, **Feb. 12, 2007**, from 7:30-8:30 pm at East Columbia Branch of the Howard County Library (6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia). If either of these dates is cancelled due to inclement weather, a make-up session will be held at Leadership Howard County offices on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2007 from 2:30-3:30pm. Interested parents and high school sophomore encouraged to attend.

Information and applications for Leadership U 2007 are now available on our website [www.leadershiphc.org](http://www.leadershiphc.org) or from the guidance office. The application deadline is March 9, 2007.

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## **Visit the Howard County Conservancy!**

Visit the Howard County Conservancy and take part in their exciting and informative activities for all ages. Located at Mt. Pleasant Farm in Woodstock, Maryland, the 300 years old, 232- acre farm, offers dozens of year-around activities and events.

At the Conservancy's Gudelsky Enviornmental Education Center, visitors can tour the center, pick up information about the Conservancy's history and landscaping, and hike miles of maintained trails and enjoy the beautiful gardens.

During the month of March, the Conservancy is offering a variety of programs.

- **Preschool Programs-** A hands on program for children 2 ½ - 5, **March 7 and 14**, 10:00-11:30am
- **Volunteer Naturalist Training-** Learn to lead nature walks at the Conservancy for students and adults, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- **American Conservation Film Festival on the Road-** Two evenings of environmental films. 7:00 - 11:00. **Friday night, March 9**, featuring *Hoot*, *Rare Bird*, and *Being Caribou*  
*Family special* - \$30.00. **Saturday night, March 10**, featuring *Arctic Dance*, *A Life Among Whales*, and *Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea*
- **Spring Family Program-** A hands-on Nature Program for families, **March 17**, 10:00 – 11:30

For additional information on the Howard County Conservancy's programs, please visit their website at [www.hcconservancy.org](http://www.hcconservancy.org).

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## Howard County Library Spelling Bee

The third annual Howard County Spelling Bee sponsored by the Baltimore Sun will take place March 16 at 7:00pm in the Howard High School Auditorium. Participants include 61 winners of Howard County Schools and homeschool association spelling bees. The winner will advance to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

The winner of the Howard County Spelling Bee will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. The Second place winner will receive a \$750 scholarship. All contestants will receive a certificate.

For additional information on this event, please visit the Howard County Library's webpage at [www.hclibrary.org](http://www.hclibrary.org).

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## **Citizens' Police Academy**

The Howard County Police Department is currently accepting applications for the March and October 2007 classes of the Citizens' Police Academy.

The Howard County Police Department offers county residents the opportunity to participate in the Citizens' Police Academy program. This interactive 11 week course gives participants an inside look into the department's day-to-day operations and provides an understanding of what it is really like to be a police officer in Howard County. Given in a real police academy setting classes are taught by certified police training instructors. Participants will experience:

- Tours of the Police Department, Crime Lab and the 911 Call Center
- Courses on Traffic Laws & Enforcement, Defensive Tactics, Use of Force, Community Policing, Criminal Investigations, Homeland Security & Gang Issues
- Presentations by the Police Department's K-9 Unit and Tactical Unit;
- Interactive Firearms Training on a Firearms Simulator, Police Pursuit & Driver Training, and a Police Officer Ride-Along,

The Citizen's Police Academy is designed to improve relationships and understanding between police and the community they serve.

### **Qualifications:**

Howard County Resident

At Least 18 Years Old

No Criminal Record

Acceptance requires a commitment to the 10 week program.

### **Contact Information:**

Contact Ms. Sue Klein of the Education & Training Division at **410-313-6080** for additional information.

**Fax** completed application forms to **410-313-6061** or **mail to:**

**Education and Training Division, Howard County Police Department  
3410 Courthouse Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042**



